



PAUL ROBESON AWARDS 1997

Entry Deadline March 1, 1997

Co-sponsors:

The Newark Museum
The Newark Public Library
Newark Symphony Hall
New Jersey Institute of Technology
Rutgers, The State University/Newark

Background

1997 is the 23rd year of the Newark Black Film Festival, a six-week summer festival of films by black filmmakers and films featuring the history and culture of black people in America and elsewhere. In the past twenty-two years, 473 films have been viewed by a total audience of close to 90,000 adults and children. The Festival has been arranged and the films selected by a committee representing the sponsors and the community. Members are Clarence Ali, Gateway Cable; Flora Baldwin, City of East Orange Planning Office; Gloria Hopkins Buck, Newark Board of Education; Wilma Grey, Newark Public Library; Thomas C. Guy, Jr., Gateway Cable; Ted Johnson, New Jersey Institute of Technology; Clement Alexander Price, Rutgers University; Jane Rappaport, former Festival Coordinator; Jane B. Stein, and Mary Sue Sweeney Price, The Newark Museum; and Richard Wesley, scriptwriter and playwright.

Winners of the 1995 Robeson Awards were:

- The Cloth Sings To Me*
(1995/video/17 min.)
Filmmakers: Linda Roennau & Esperanza G. Martinez
- We Love You Like a Rock - The Dixie Hummingbirds*
(1994/16mm/77 min.)
Filmmakers: Ashley James and Ray Allen
- Home Away From Home*
(1994/video/11 min.)
Directed by Maureen Blackwood
- My Am*
(1995/16mm/52 min.)
Filmmaker: Linda Goode Bryant

Award Competition

The Newark Black Film Festival Paul Robeson Awards were initiated as a biennial competition in 1985. The awards will be presented on a Wednesday evening during the summer festival in conjunction with a screening of the winning works.

Eligibility

Original 16 mm optical track prints and video-tapes released since January 1995, will be considered. Only non-commercial ("independent") films/videotapes over which filmmaker has had control of the finished piece are acceptable. Excluded are films/videotapes originally produced for industrial, commercial or studio purposes. Films/videotapes produced for or shown on television are eligible if they meet above criteria. Films/videotapes produced in other countries may be entered if they have an English-language soundtrack or subtitles and meet above criteria. For films previously or currently available in 35 mm or other formats, only the 16 mm release date is relevant.

Cash Awards

Cash prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the judges.

Judging of Entries

The Newark Black Film Festival 1997 Paul Robeson Awards will be screened by a panel of judges. Cash awards will be determined by the judges whose decision is final. The judges may choose to withhold an award if no entries are of award caliber.

Entry Instructions

A completed entry form must accompany each print submitted, along with an entry fee of \$25 per work (regardless of length). Titles in a series must be considered individually. Add \$5 for works entered from outside the U.S. All entry fees must be in U.S. currency, payable to The Newark Museum Association. For judging, 16 mm films that have been transferred to videotapes may be submitted in 1/2" or 3/4" format if desired; videotapes must be submitted in either 1/2" or 3/4" format.

Liability

Although every possible care will be taken with films while in our possession, neither the Newark Black Film Festival/The Newark Museum Association nor its judging committees assume liability for loss or damage. Entrant also indemnifies the Newark Black Film Festival/The Newark Museum Association against possible copyright infringement resulting from screening or exhibition of works.

Screenings

Award-winning works will be screened during the Newark Black Film Festival, date and location to be announced. If length of winning works dictates, the screenings may take place on two evenings.

Entry Deadline

Films or videotapes, accompanied by entry forms, must be received at The Newark Museum by Saturday, March 1, 1997.

Information

201-596-6637

Funding

The Newark Museum is funded primarily by the City of Newark and State of New Jersey. Additional funding is received from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State. Funding for acquisitions and activities other than operations must be developed from outside sources.



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Newark Black Film Festival 1997 Paul Robeson Awards

Entry Form

(Please use photocopy of this form for multiple entries.)

Name (Print or type) _____ Daytime Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Title of Work _____

Producer _____ Director _____

Running Time _____ Completion Date _____

Original Format _____ Format submitted for judging _____

This film is best described as:

☐ Long Narrative (over an hour) ☐ Short Narrative (under an hour) ☐ Documentary ☐ Experimental ☐ Animation

Enclosed entry fee (\$25) payable to The Newark Museum Association

Brief Précis of Work

Shipping

Prints (with cans, cases and leaders clearly marked with your name and title of work) should be shipped to:

(by regular mail)

Newark Black Film Festival

c/o The Newark Museum

49 Washington Street

P.O. Box 540

Newark, New Jersey 07101-0540

(by UPS)

Newark Black Film Festival

c/o The Newark Museum

69 Central Avenue

Newark, New Jersey 07101

All works will be returned via UPS and insured for \$200 (UPS will not ship to a post office box). Ship all films and tapes in standard, re-usable shipping containers and include a pre-printed return label for each work. If padded envelopes are used, the entry should be sealed in plastic before placing in the bag, so that fiber from a torn bag will not damage the entry or equipment.

See Over

PUBLICITY

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Print publicity and reproducible stills are used in our festival program and pre-festival publicity. If you are interested in such coverage, please include stills. Are publicity materials enclosed? ☐ yes ☐ no May we excerpt from your work in pre-festival publicity? ☐ yes ☐ no

RETURN OF ENTRIES

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All works not selected for awards screening will be returned promptly following jurying, via UPS, insured for \$200. UPS will not deliver to a post office box. If your shipping address is different from the one on the entry form, please indicate here:

Delivery Address _____ Street _____ Apt. or Suite _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Ship work in standard, re-usable containers with accurate return labels.

Weight _____ Size _____

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL MATERIAL. ONLY ONE WORK PER ENTRY FORM.

The Undersigned hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Newark Black Film Festival/The Newark Museum Association (the "Sponsor") from and against any and all liability, loss, cost and expense (including but not limited to attorney's fees and costs of court) occasioned by (1) any claims being made by anyone other than the Undersigned of any right, title or interest in and to the entered films (the "Work") or any part thereof, (2) any claim being made by anyone other the Undersigned to an award made with respect to the Work or any part thereof, (3) any claim involving copyright, trademark, credits, royalties, publicity, screening, or any other matter relating to the Work or any part thereof, whether foreseen or unforeseen, and (4) any claim arising out of loss of or damage to the Work. This application constitutes the agreement of the Undersigned to all Festival rules and guidelines.

Signature _____ Date _____ Social Security # _____

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